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NOTICE

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1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days 10 a.m. to Saturday, 10 a.m.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE FUND.....\$4,300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
Prietors.....\$7,500,000

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Drafts created on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
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Hongkong, April 27, 1889. 363

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Statutory General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the CITY HALL on SATURDAY, the 25th May, at 3.30 p.m.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Managers.

Hongkong, May 11, 1889. 900

ROWLANDS'
KALYDOH

cool and re-
freshes the face and lands of all exposed
parts, 100 g. & t. produces a beautiful
white skin, and gives a pleasing fragrance.

ODONTO whitens the teeth, pre-
vents decay, and gives a pleasing fragrance.

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the skin from the effects of the sun's rays.

For Chemists and Retail Agents for China.

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G. E. WATSON & CO., Shanghai. 904

Intimations.

ST. JOHN LODGE
OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zeeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 17th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, May 17, 1889. 939

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SPoon COMPETITION—300 YARDS.

WILL take place NEXT SATURDAY,

18th May, at 4 p.m.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 13, 1889. 912

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held at the Honorable Dispensary, TUESDAY, the 29th day of this Month, at Noon, to Confirm the Special Resolutions passed at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held yesterday.

JOHN WILLMOOT,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 14, 1889. 936

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE
AND BUILDING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held at its Office, the Hongkong Dispensary, on TUESDAY, the 28th day of this month, at a Quarter after Noon, to Confirm the Special Resolution passed at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held yesterday.

JOHN WILLMOOT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 14, 1889. 936

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Shareholders who are desirous of taking up the N.W. SHARES to which they are entitled in respect of the Shares of which they were the registered Holders on the date of the confirmation and in pursuance of the special Resolution passed on the 4th April, 1889, must accept the same and pay the sum of \$10 for each New Share so accepted to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong, on or before the 20th day of May instant, after which date the New Shares which shall not have been accepted will be deemed to be desisted.

FORM OF ACCEPTANCE AND BANKER'S RECEIPT may be obtained on application at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Dated 2nd day of May, 1889.

By Order, A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

SPRING & SUMMER HOSIERY

AND

Gentlemen's Outfitting Goods:

SUN HATS.

BOOTS AND SHOES, UMBRELLAS AND STICKS,
HANDKERCHIEFS AND COLLARS, SCARVES, TIES AND CRAVATS.

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THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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ARTISTIC DECORATORS, AND FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS.

OUR Mr. W. S. MARTEL, the Manager of the CABINET and DECORATING

DEPARTMENT of SHANGHAI, is now in HONGKONG.

ESTIMATES and DRAWINGS for FURNITURE and DECORATIONS FREE.

NEW DESIGNS in INEXPENSIVE ART FURNITURE.

OUR NEW and EXTENSIVE SHOW ROOMS now open for Inspection.

To Let.

Hongkong, May 7, 1889. 867

AUCTIONS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 230.

THE following Particulars of SALE of

CROWN LAND BY PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 20th day of May, 1889, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 11th May, 1889. 914

TO LET.

Furnished House

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

M. ADRIANOS OSBORNE has been
appointed Acting Secretary of the
above Company from this date.

J. J. KENWICK,
Chairman.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

MADAME CORA,

The acknowledged Queen of Leggerdmain,

will give her

FAREWELL AND BENEFIT
PERFORMANCE.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 18th May, 1889.

And upon this occasion MADAME hopes to
be rewarded by just as much patronage
as she deserves from the liberal
Public of Hongkong.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance at 9 p.m.

ADMISSION, \$2 AND \$1.

Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KELLY &

WAHL, Limited.

Also, by Special Request:

MADAME CORA

will give an

AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE

FOR
FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS,

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 19th May, 1889.

Upon which occasion an interesting

Programme will be given

TO AMUSE AND INSTRUCT THE

LITTLE FOLKS,

introducing her

TRAINED CANARIES, KING DOVES,

GUINEA PIGS, AND HIMALAYAN

PARROT.

Prices:—Adults, \$1; Children and Servants, 50 Cents.

Seats may be secured at Messrs. KELLY & WAHL, Ltd., at One Dollar each.

Secure your Seats early for a big crowd
are coming!

Hongkong, May 17, 1889.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Officers will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crews of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

BESIDE British steamer, Captain Shaw,
Siemssen & Co.

SOUTHERN CROSS, American ship, Capt.
J. A. Bailey.—Gas Company.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn,
Russell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

AMERICAN MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. MAIL Steamship CITY OF
ST. LOUIS will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Kyle and Yokohama on
SUNDAY, 19th May, Daylight, taking
Passengers and Freight for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japanese
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passages: Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco \$200.00
To San Francisco and return, } 380.00
available for 6 months

To Liverpool 325.00

To London 350.00

To other European ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option
of proceeding overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,
Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This provision
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m., the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m., said day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Considerable Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 304, Queen's Road Central;
O. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 17, 1889.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Tales, Captain HUNTER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 17, 1889.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship
Japan, Captain T. S. GAMMER,
will be despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd
Instant, at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1889.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
Sikh, Captain ROWLEY, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on the 24th instant.

This Steamer has superior Passenger
Accommodation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1889.

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SITUATION WANTED.

A MATE, Nurse or Stewardess in a Ship
going to ENGLAND.

Good Recommendations.

Address "S. R.",
OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, May 17, 1889.

and child. Mr Schwartz, and Miss Krug,
and 220 Chinese.

For Peashaw, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Mr. O. N. Denby and native servant,
Messrs. Z. Valpisselli, L. Solves, and B. Chiu-

ne; for Singapore, 4 Chinese; for Len-
don, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, 4 children,
infant and 1 European nurse, Master G. H.
Moule, Rev. Andrew, and Miss Adams
and 2 infants, Miss Carpenter, and Mr. J. G.
Fyfe.

For Daphne, from Singapore, Mr. Buller,
and 220 Chinese.

For Jester, from Calcutta, Miss Gregory,
Misses J. C. Oliver, M. Chester, Green, E.
N. E. Jethab, Mr. and Mrs. Chesh Sia, Tuan,
and 330 Chinese.

For Cicero, from Saigon, 10 Chinese.

For Arion, from Hainan, 5 Chinese.

For Nam-hua, from Singapore, 736 Chinese.

For Nam-hua, for Coast Ports, 200 Chinese.

1,000.

For Peacock, from Hongkong: for Pen-
tagon, Mr. Koh Cheng Keat; for Bowbury,
Lieut. Victoria and Mrs. Vickers; for London,
Mr. R. F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Mason, and Mr. William Valentine. From
Shanghai: for London, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.
Hall, 4 children, infant and European nurse,
Master G. H. Moule, Rev. Andrew, and
Miss Adams and 2 infants, Miss Carpenter,
and Mr. J. G. Fyfe. From Yokohama: for
Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Engshart and 5
native servants; for London, Mr. C. D.
Moss, Miss East, and Mr. Colquhoun.
For Frey, for Hainan, 40 Chinese.

SHIPPING.

DAKIN'S ACIDULATED FRUIT
SYRUPS.

JARGONELLE PEAR.

LEMON.

MORELLA CHERRY.

PINEAPPLE.

RASPBERRY.

STRAWBERRY.

MIXED WITH PLAIN OR CARBONATED WATER
FORMS A DELICIOUS DRINK.

LIME FRUIT CORDIAL.

GAZOG-JONES or SELTZOGENS.

FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CARBONATED WATER.

DAKIN BROTHERS,
LIMITED,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

HONGKONG.

Telephone No. 60.

Hongkong, May 13, 1889.

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SHIPPING.

May 10, 1889.—

N close, German steamer, 1,860 H. Supper.
Arrived April 3, and Singapore May 11, Mails
and General—MILCHERS & CO.

May 17.

Anglo, Japanese steamer, 1,568, Troum,
Nagasaki May 12, Coal—YAKASHI CO.

Persian, British steamer, 2,135, L. D.
Moule, Shanghai May 14, Mails and
General—P. & O. N. Co.

Daphne, German steamer, 1,700, T. Voss,
Hamburg and Singapore May 11, at 11
a.m. General—STEINSEY & CO.

Japon, British steamer, 1,865, T. S.
Gardner, Calcutta May 2, Penang 9, and
Singapore 11, 526 castis Opium, 537 bales
Twist, 2,285 bales Saltpetre, and 3,500 pkgs.
Sandries—DAVID SAXON, Sons & Co.

Mejico, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa,
Tsinan, British steamer, from Whampoa,
Phu Quoc French steamer, from Caution,
Cicero, British steamer, 1,930, A. George,
Saigon May 13, Rice and Paddy.—ARM-
HOLD, KARRERG & CO.—
Avond, Norwegian barque, 634, A. Christen-
sen, Norway May 1, Timber—CANTON,
China, German steamer, 1,091, Haye,
Saigon May 14, Rice—Chinese.

DEPARTURES.

May 17.—

Kwang Lee, for Whampoa.

Torquay, for Sandakan.

Stoker, for Hainan and Pakhoi.

Beaufort, for Hankow.

Nanchow, for Singapore.

Hooper, for Trenton.

Foxford, for Swatow and Shanghai.

Cheung-chau-foo, for Swatow.

Beaufort, for Nagasaki.

Nomoa, for Coast Ports.

CLEARED.

For Neckar, from Bremen, Mr. Suenson,
family and servant; Messrs. Schwarzkopf,
Michelson, Wusto, Sacha, Colonel Welbra-
ham, Mr. and Mrs. Pirie, Mr. T. H. Fawcet,
Mr. Hardy, Miss Mackintosh, Mr. Clifton

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED.

Por Neckar, from Bremen, Mr. Suenson,
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BOATS.

SHARE LIST.

INVESTMENTS.

please him. Still I think he may be open to argument and will see that the best course is to adopt a conciliatory spirit.

Resident Yuan will be having his own sweet will, while you are absent, will it not?

Oh, no, I am always in communication with the King. I do not think he will try.

But does not the fact of the Customs of Korea being part and parcel of the Maritime Customs of China put Korea in a somewhat more dependent position than that of a tributary state?

It might appear so in the eyes of the world, but it is merely a fiscal arrangement. It is not a course I would have approved of. The thing was done before I went. Maldonoff had made such a mess of the Revenue that Korea was glad to turn to China and seek her aid, but the arrangement does not affect here autonomy in any way.

And the recent Russian treaty?

That is merely a commercial treaty such as any nation might negotiate under the most favoured nation clause. It regulates trade between the countries, that is all. It is on all fours with the treaty which France concluded with China.

Do you do not despair of Korea?

I do not. If the political district, which has been invaded by Yuan's foot, actions were stayed, I believe the country would steadily progress and trade increase.

The BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

There are a few points touched on in a short conversation with Mr. Dunn. Several of his Korean friends were waiting on the King's adviser and our representative did not prolong his stay. Mr. Dunn said he would remain in Hongkong for a few days, and he courteously offered to give any further information it was possible for him to give without compromising his confidential position.

A VISIT TO BORNEO.—LECTURE BY MR. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C.

Yesterday evening Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., delivered a lecture under the above title to the Hongkong Literary Society. Dr. Chalmers, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance.

THE FIRST NIGHT OF BORNEO.

Mr. Francis explained that in his lecture he merely intended to give his impressions of what he saw and heard during his visit to Borneo a few months ago, when he was unexpectedly called upon to go there to defend a Dutch planter who was charged with manslaughter. He left Hongkong in time for a steamer on 9th February. After a brief account of the passage, which was not a somewhat stormy one, he said it was not till the morning of Friday the 15th, in the midst of heavy rain, that he first saw any portion of British North Borneo territory. He saw then the small islands to the North of Borneo, about thirty miles from the mainland.

Speaking of the town of Sandakan, Mr. Francis said he supposed Hongkong must have presented a somewhat similar appearance forty years ago. There was however this exception, that while Hongkong was bare of trees and vegetation and as wild and desolate a spot as could be looked upon, Borneo was simply a mass of vegetation, down to the water's edge. The hills were covered with trees from top to bottom and the plains were masses of mangrove swamp; a tremendous growth of vegetation above, a tangled mass of thick roots below; under that was water, and in many places one could not say how far below that the land was. In many places one travelled for miles inwards before land could be seen and—perhaps a mile or two further in before anything like solid land was reached. But the whole scene from one end to another was simply a mass of most beautiful, most magnificent vegetation. He did not know that he had ever seen anything more beautiful than the scenery around them, that night as they approached.

SANDAKAN.

Everywhere around them were studded small islands, some mere sand-banks, glittering white in the moon's rays; others a little further advanced in their life's history and having a few trees and shrubs crowning them; others covered with rich vegetation and round, every one of them a ring of pure white sand. Sandakan, though a busy place, and becoming more active and wealthy every day, is still in the first stage of its growth. There is not a single building of brick or stone; everything of timber, bamboo being largely used. Wherever Praya is to be found a timber pier at a very rough one at that; Queen's Road behind it is a timber pier too, with a few houses of it, all built roughly and in a most primitive state. The dwelling-houses of every description and size, from the smallest possible, shanties up to a place as big as one of the Chinese shops in Queen's Road, or the Praya, Hongkong. On the hill here and there are bungalows where the officials and European planters and traders live. The hills vary from fifty to perhaps two hundred feet in height. Most of these hills in the foreground are covered merely with stumps of trees, but here and there and everywhere in the background the forest can be seen untouched. And here and there among the trees bungalows may be seen, a little but in one spot and something more imposing in another. He did not suppose there were more than 150 houses altogether, but they are scattered over a circuit of a mile or so. The roads are like the hills paths here or like the roads at Aberdeen, Stanley or Shaukiwan. The European residents are active, business-like and very hospitable.

LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

The lecturer's first business was of course to look after the interests of his client and the first thing he had to apply himself to was to find the answers to the following questions.—Under what law is British North Borneo governed? What are the rules of procedure, and what are the duties of officials? At first hearing, the name British North Borneo would naturally lead one to imagine that British law prevailed. But such is not the case. The place is not British territory at all. Its political history is as follows.—Over the Northern portion—which is not more than a fifth of the entire Island—the Sultan of Brunei claimed jurisdiction; but he did not claim it unopposed, as the Sultan of Sulu claimed jurisdiction over the North-Eastern portion, and although these rights would not doubt be recognized by international law, as a matter of fact they were.

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being brought to him about 1870 for examination. His advice was that the deeds were of no value, as they had been granted on condition that a certain sum of money would be paid before the Sultan, and that condition had not been complied with. The time allowed had expired and the syndicate had done nothing, not having spent a cent of money, and it was therefore in the power of the Sultan to deny them any rights. However, a little later on, Mr. Overbeck or Mr. Dent (who had come into this matter) went down to visit Brunei and negotiated from the Sultan that he was quite willing to consider the concessions as standing if some move were made to open up the country, and was in fact prepared to grant considerable extensions. Mr. Dent (Sir Alfred Dent now) obtained renewed concessions and renewed grants over the whole of this territory; he obtained in fact complete and absolute jurisdiction, as complete as the Sultan could give him. He was made Rajah and Mahajah over the whole of this territory, with the power of making laws, appointing governors and in short with the power of life and death. This was in consideration of certain annual payments, two or three thousand dollars, and was granted to him and his successors. Now his successors were the English Company known as THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

On a visit to Labuan, Mr. Francis saw the Sultan of Sulu and obtained a complete

acknowledgment of his title and his

successors.

THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY.

After referring to the difficulties that might arise with the natives as to the possession of land, and speaking of the necessity for dealing with the natives in a frank and reasonable manner, Mr. Francis said, "I believe that the country had a right to be ruled by us, but that the Sultan had a right to be ruler of his people." There would of course be losses, heavy losses, arising from the practice, and the loss of the ordinary necessities of the weather, to which the tobacco-crop is particularly susceptible, (one day's unfavourable weather destroying the whole work of the year in certain stages of the crop), but on the whole he believed that, if commercial enterprises were judiciously conducted by competent men, they were bound to be highly profitable.

The Colonists' Society seconded.

Hon. P. Ryrie.—With regard to myself and the other undominated men we find that this is a very serious matter. The Bill contains one very objectionable clause that the ordinary taxes taken in Chinese country is of fair quality and the greater portion of it above sea level, and capable of being easily worked. Preparations had been made in a relatively expensive way for working the mine in question, and hundreds of thousands of pounds had been literally wasted and absolutely wasted in buying and sending out the most expensive machinery, and plant, highly unnecessary for the proposed work of the miners, and the only conclusion any disinterested person can draw is that the only one who could say—was—commissaries. We had about twenty years since the scheme was given up, and the plant and machinery, wonderfully preserved by the climate, was being sold to a new company with a capital of £2,000.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion Sir Alfred Dent said that if there were failures in British North Borneo it would not be the fault of the colony.

The country is as fertile as any place in the world, if it has a good climate, as in Hongkong, and a little drive.

There is a plenty of scope for the cultivation of the soil, for all kinds of tropical products, for passes, and for mining.

Things may go wrong simply for want of courageous and good management, but if there are heavy leases it will be due to want of proper care, proper foresight, proper management.

Mr. H. Shepard added a few observations with regard to a visit he paid to the colony, his remarks having reference chiefly to the estate of the China Borneo Co., the management of which, he said, was in able and experienced hands.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Francis for his lecture.

THE EXTRADITION BILL.

The following is a summary of the concluding part of the discussion on the Extradition Bill.

His Excellency, continuing said.—In this case with which I have had to do, I have had no doubts that the men were

murderers, and I think if we have a little

more time to consider those remarks, and an opportunity of reading them as they are reported, we may be able to form a better opinion as to whether the Bill should meet with the support of the unofficial members.

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